

requested a conference with the Senate. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Staggers, Murphy of New York, Stuckey, Eckhardt, Metcalfe, McCollister, and Broyhill.

H. Res. 1458, the rule under which the bill was considered, was adopted earlier by a voice vote.

Pages 27158-27219

Gas Pipeline Safety: House disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 12168, to amend the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968 to authorize additional appropriations, and agreed to the conference asked by the Senate. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Staggers, Dingell, Wirth, Sharp, Brodhead, Brown of Ohio, and Moorhead of California.

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Presidential Message—Defense Budget: Received and read a message from the President requesting supplemental defense procurement authorizations for fiscal year 1977—referred to the Committees on Armed Services and Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 94-586).

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Referral: One Senate-passed measure was referred to the appropriate House committee.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PRODUCTIVE POTENTIAL OF IRRIGABLE LANDS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources met and approved for full committee action H.R. 13101 amended, to provide for the consideration of the comparative productive potential of irrigable lands in determining non-excess acreage under Federal reclamation laws.

PUERTO RICO-UNITED STATES COMPACT

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Affairs met and approved for full committee action H.R. 11200 as amended, to approve the Compact of Permanent Union Between Puerto Rico and the United States.

FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Public Works and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation met and approved for full committee action H.R. 15166, to amend the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1976 to provide an obligation limitation for fiscal year 1977.

FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Public Works and Transportation: Met and ordered reported favorably to the House H.R. 15116 (title above).

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Ways and Means: Met on committee business relating to request for rule on H.R. 14844, Estate and Gift Tax Reform Act of 1976.

Tuesday, August 24, 1976

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 27285-27379

Bills Introduced: Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3759-3768; and S. Res. 520.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 67, requesting the President to express the concern of the United States Government for the safety and freedom of Valentyn Moroz, historian, writer, and spokesman for the cultural integrity of the Ukrainian people (S. Rept. 94-1160);

S. 3179, authorizing applications for court orders approving the use of electronic surveillance to obtain foreign intelligence information, with amendments (S. Rept. 94-1161);

S. 3395, authorizing funds for construction of the Uintah Unit of the Central Utah project, with an amendment, (S. Rept. 94-1162).

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Bills Referred: H.R. 14957, D.C. pretrial release or detention, and H.R. 14971, D.C. Government borrowing authority, were referred to Committee on the District of Columbia.

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Message From the House: One message was received from the House.

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Amendments Submitted for Printing:

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Bills Passed:

Postal Service Organization and Financing: By 79 yeas to 9 nays, Senate passed H.R. 8603, to amend the laws with respect to organizational and financial matters of the United States Postal Service and the Postal Rate Commission, after agreeing to committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, to which Senate had at first taken action on additional proposed amendments, as follows:

Adopted:

(1) Moss amendment No. 2083, increasing from 15 pounds and 60 inches in girth to 70 pounds and 100 inches in girth, respectively, the weight and size limitations for parcel post packages which may be shipped

by air to the U.S. by service personnel from military installations abroad; Page 27422

(2) Domenici unprinted amendment No. 368, to assure a study of proposal with reference to delivery of first class mail by private carriers; and Page 27423

(3) Griffin unprinted amendment No. 369, seeking to provide a greater degree of stability in membership of the Postal Rate Commission. Page 27423

Rejected:

(1) By 26 yeas to 58 nays, modified Hollings amendment No. 2201, in the nature of a substitute bill; Page 27379

(2) By division vote, modified Dole amendment No. 2033, to extend the moratorium on postage rate increases and service cutbacks until September 30, 1977; Page 27379

(3) By 6 yeas to 82 nays, Helms amendment No. 2069, to permit the carriage of first class mail by private express; Page 27410

(4) By 9 yeas to 79 nays, Helms amendment No. 2070, giving citizens the right to bring suit under the Tort Claims Act against the Postal Service or the Federal Government for negligence in mail delivery; and Page 27416

(5) By 25 yeas to 64 nays, Buckley amendment No. 2125, to allow private carriers presently authorized to deliver mail to deposit mailable matter in letter boxes. Page 27418

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested conference with the House and appointed as conferees Senators McGee, Randolph, Burdick, Fong, and Stevens. Pages 27379-27430

D.C. Criminal Law Revision: Senate took from desk, passed without amendment, and cleared for the White House H.R. 12261, to extend the period during which the Council of the District of Columbia is prohibited from revising the criminal laws of the District. Page 27436

Calendar Bills: Senate took from Calendar and passed the following bills:

Without amendment and cleared for the White House:

Canaveral National Seashore: H.R. 10370, to increase from five to six the number of members of the Advisory Commission for the Canaveral National Seashore, Florida.

With amendment for return to the House:

Guam Power Authority: H.R. 13679, to guarantee certain obligations of the Guam Power Authority (amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof language of Senate companion bill, S. 3681, which bill was then indefinitely postponed).

Without amendment and sent to the House:

Nee-Me-Poo Trail: S. 3273, authorizing feasibility study of designation as a National Scenic Trail of the Nee-Me-Poo Trail, Oregon, Minnesota, Idaho, and Wyoming.

Florida Trail: S. 2486, authorizing feasibility study on the establishment as a National Scenic Trail of the Florida Trail.

Bartram Trail: S. 2112, authorizing feasibility study on the addition to the National Trail System of the Bartram Trail, Georgia, Alabama, and Florida.

Daniel Boone Trail: S. 2783, authorizing feasibility study of designation as a National Scenic Trail of the Daniel Boone Trail, North Carolina to Kentucky.

Desert Trail: S. 3528, authorizing a study on the feasibility of establishing as a National Scenic Trail the Desert Trail, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, California, and Arizona.

With amendment and sent to the House:

Saint Paul's Church: S. J. Res. 139, providing for a study to determine the feasibility of accepting St. Paul's Church, Eastchester, Mt. Vernon, New York, as an historic site. Pages 27436-27438

Child Care and Social Services: Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 12455, authorizing funds to extend child care and social services programs.

By 65 yeas to 22 nays, Senate tabled Allen motion to agree to the House amendment to the Senate amendment with an amendment (unprinted amendment No. 371) to eliminate the \$240 million funding for child care services. Page 27433

By 72 yeas to 15 nays, Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate amendment, thus clearing the bill for the White House. Pages 27415, 27430-27436

D.C. Government Audit: Senate agreed to conference report on H.R. 11009, to provide for an independent audit of District of Columbia Government finances, thus clearing the measure for the White House. Page 27436

Forest Rangeland Management: Senate laid down for further consideration tomorrow, S. 3091, to strengthen regulations concerning timber cutting practices in national forests. Page 27438

Health Professions Training: Senate insisted on its amendments to H.R. 5546, authorizing funds to extend health professions training and health maintenance programs, agreed to conference with the House and appointed as conferees Senators Kennedy, Williams, Nelson, Eagleton, Cranston, Pell, Mondale, Hathaway, Durkin, Schweiker, Javits, Beall, Taft, Stafford, and Laxalt. Page 27422

Time Limitation Agreements: By unanimous consent it was agreed that when Senate considers (not earlier than 4 p.m. on Wednesday, August 25) conference

report on H.R. 14232, Labor-HEW appropriations, time be limited to 30 minutes on question of its adoption and on amendments in disagreement, with 1 hour on Senate amendment No. 68, relating to abortion (reported in disagreement); and

When it considers S. 2657, to extend the Higher Education Act and Vocational Education Act, debate thereon be limited to 4 hours, with 1½ hours on an amendment which may be offered by Senator Buckley, 1 hour on any other amendment in the first degree, and 30 minutes on amendments in the second degree.

Pages 27415-27416, 27422

Presidential Message: Senate received a message from the President transmitting proposed revisions to two deferrals in budget authority previously transmitted dealing with funding for the Federal Aviation Administration and for the State and local government fiscal assistance trust fund in the Department of the Treasury—referred jointly to Committees on Appropriations, Budget, Commerce, and Finance.

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today (total—526).

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee approved for full committee consideration with amendments, H.R. 15193, making appropriations for the District of Columbia government for fiscal year 1977.

Full Committee will meet tomorrow to consider this bill and other committee business.

HUD BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs: Committee continued oversight hearings on the Community Development Block Grant program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, receiving testimony from Robert W. Maffin, National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, Washington, D.C.; Robert T. Kenney, Boston Redevelopment Authority; Peter A. Buchsbaum, Department of the Public Advocate, Trenton, New Jersey; Robert McKay, Citizens Housing and Planning Association, Boston; Mary Brooks, Suburban Action Institute, New York City; and Amy Totenberg, Education/Instruction, Boston.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS AND PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES DEBATE

Committee on Commerce: Committee held hearings on the nominations of Margareta E. White, of Virginia, and Joseph R. Fogarty, of Rhode Island, each to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission, where Senator Harry F. Byrd introduced Ms. White, and testimony was received on these nominations from Manuel D. Fierro, and Grace Nagata, National Congress of Hispanic American Citizens; Harvey J. Shulman, Media Access Project; Nicholas Johnson, National Citizens Communications Lobby; and Roger Hickey, Public Media Center, all from Washington, D.C.; Charles M. Firestone, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia; and Stuart White, Washington, D.C.

Also, committee received testimony from Peggy Lampl and James Karayn, representing The League of Women Voters, on the proposed televising of forthcoming debates between Presidential candidates, and proposed suspension for the 1976 campaign of the equal time provisions of section 315 of the Communications Act.

Committee adjourned subject to call.

REVENUE AND TARIFF BILLS

Committee on Finance: Committee held and concluded hearings on the following bills:

S. 2213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to exempt from Federal income tax public utilities which furnish electric power, receiving testimony from Senator Metcalf;

H.R. 3052, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 with respect to the tax treatment of the gain on the lapse of options to buy or sell securities, after receiving testimony from Wallace D. Barlow, Stock Option Writer's Association, Bethesda, Md.; and Leon Pomerance, Chicago Options Exchange, Chicago;

H.R. 3055, making technical and administrative changes in the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as it relates to taxation of distilled spirits, receiving testimony from John F. McCarren, Distilled Spirits Council of the United States, Inc., Washington, D.C.;

H.R. 5161, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 providing for a special rule for the inclusion in income of magazine sales for display purposes, receiving testimony from Townsend Hoopes, Association of American Publishers; Stanley Gortikov, Recording Industry Association of America; and Sanford J. Goldberg on behalf of the National Association of Recording Merchandisers, all of Washington, D.C.;

H.R. 8283, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 with respect to the type of flavors which may be used on bonded wine cellar premises in the production of special natural wines, receiving testimony from

Arthur H. Silverman, Wine Institute, Washington, D.C.;

H.R. 8656, to amend the Tariff Schedules to provide for the duty-free importation of loose glass prisms used in chandeliers and wall brackets, receiving testimony from Donald Stevens, Jewel Co. of America, Providence, R.I.

H.R. 11605, to suspend for a three-year period, until June 30, 1978, the rate of duty on mattress blanks of rubber latex, receiving testimony from Alen S. York, New York Foam Sales, New York City;

H.R. 11997, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 with respect to the tax treatment of certain divestitures of assets by bank holding companies, receiving testimony from Mac Asbill, Jr., World Airways, Inc., Washington, D.C.;

H.R. 12254, to suspend the duties on certain bicycle parts and accessories until the close of June 30, 1978, receiving testimony from Philip Kamler, American Association of Bicycle Importers, Inc., Washington, D.C.; John S. Monagan, on behalf of Shimano American Corporation, Washington, D.C.; Steward J. Northrop, on behalf of the Bicycle Manufacturing Association of America, Dayton, Ohio; Jay C. Townley, Schwinn Bicycle Company, Chicago; and Lynn A. Williams, Lynn A. Williams Engineering Company, Chicago;

H.R. 1142, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 so as to provide for distribution deduction for certain cemetery perpetual care fund trusts, receiving testimony from R. Lee McNitt, Jr., Ad Hoc Coalition for Cemetery Care, Whittier, California;

H.R. 2474, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to provide refunds in the case of certain uses of tread rubber, receiving testimony from Philip R. Friedlander, Jr., National Tire Dealers and Retreaders Association, Inc.; and Edward E. Wright, Rubber Manufacturers Association, both of Washington, D.C.

Committee announced that it expects to consider these bills at a business meeting later this week.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3621, to amend the International Claims Settlement Act so as to provide for the determination of the validity and amounts of claims of U.S. nationals against the German Democratic Republic;

S. Res. 67, requesting the President to express the concern of the United States Government for the safety and freedom of Valentyn Moroz, historian, writer, and spokesman for the cultural integrity of the Ukrainian people; and

The nominations of John T. Murphy, of Ohio, and Thomas H. Quinn, of Rhode Island, each to be a member of the Board for International Broadcasting.

Committee received testimony on S. 3621 from J. Raymond Bell, Chairman, Foreign Claims Settlement

Commission; and Stephen M. Schwebel, Deputy Legal Adviser, Department of State.

Also, committee discussed S. 1439, to reorganize certain export functions of the Federal Government; and Fifth International Tin Agreement (Ex. J, 94th Cong., 2nd sess.), but did not complete action thereon and will meet again on Thursday, August 26 to consider these items and other committee business.

FEDERAL NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Government Operations: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations continued hearings to examine Federal narcotics enforcement programs, receiving testimony from Vernon D. Acree, Commissioner, U.S. Customs Service, David R. Macdonald, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement, Operations and Tariff Affairs, and Donald C. Alexander, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, all of the Department of the Treasury.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

FEDERAL PROCUREMENT POLICY

Committee on Government Operations: Subcommittee on Federal Spending Practices began oversight hearings on the activities of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy and the implementation of its new major systems acquisition policy (OFPP/OMB Circular A-109) issued April 5, 1976, receiving testimony from Robert Keller, Deputy Comptroller General, General Accounting Office; and Hugh E. Witt, Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget.

Hearings continue on Thursday, August 26.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee held hearings on the nominations of Herbert F. DeSimone, to be United States district judge for the District of Rhode Island; Donald I. Baker, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General; and Richard M. Bilby, of Arizona, to be United States circuit judge for the ninth circuit, where Senators Pastore and Pell introduced Mr. DeSimone; Senators Javits and Buckley introduced Mr. Baker; and Senators Fannin and Goldwater introduced Mr. Bilby, and the nominees testified and answered questions on their own behalf. Also, committee received testimony on the nomination of Mr. DeSimone from Warren Christopher, Los Angeles, representing the American Bar Association; Richard F. Chipperfield, Westerly, R.I.; and Robert Bronson, Providence.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow to consider further the nomination of Mr. DeSimone.

NOMINATION

Committee on Public Works: Committee rejected a motion to favorably report the nomination of Thomas

L. Longshore, of Alabama, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Committee will meet again tomorrow to resume consideration of proposed water pollution control legislation.

INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE

Select Committee on Intelligence Activities: Committee reconsidered its action of August 10 when it ordered favorably reported with amendments S. 3197, authorizing applications for court orders approving the use of electronic surveillance to obtain foreign intelligence information, and again voted to approve the bill for reporting to the Senate.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Reports Filed: 15 public bills, H.R. 15237-15251; 2 private bills, H.R. 15252 and 15253; and 18 resolutions, H.J. Res. 1053-1057, H. Con. Res. 717-720, and H. Res. 1482-1490 were introduced. Pages 27542-27544

Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 1489, providing for the consideration of H.R. 14578, to authorize various Federal reclamation projects and programs (H. Rept. 94-1433); and

H. Res. 1490, waiving certain points of order against H.R. 15194, making appropriations for public works employment for the period ending September 30, 1977 (H. Rept. 94-1434). Page 27542

Employment and Training: House disagreed to the amendments of the Senate to H.R. 12987, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1976, and for the period beginning July 1, 1976, and ending September 30, 1976, for carrying out title VI of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973; and agreed to a conference asked by the Senate. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Perkins, Dominick V. Daniels, Dent, O'Hara, Phillip Burton, Gaydos, Beard of Rhode Island, Hawkins, Lehman, Meeds, Quie, Ashbrook, Esch, and Sarasin. Page 27440

Committee To Sit: Subcommittee on Water Resources of the Committee on Public Works and Transportation received permission to sit during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule this week. Page 27440

Late Reports: Committee on Rules received permission to file certain privileged reports by midnight tonight. Page 27440

Presidential Message—Budget Deferrals: Read a message from the President announcing revisions of two previously transmitted deferrals—referred to the Com-

mittee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 94-589). Page 27441

Suspensions: House voted to Suspend the Rules and pass the following bills:

Military construction authorization: H.R. 14846, amended, to authorize certain construction at military installations. Pages 27441-27451

Taxes—cemeteries: H.R. 1142, to provide for a distribution deduction for certain cemetery perpetual care fund trusts. Page 27451

Taxes—social clubs: H.R. 1144, amended, respecting the tax treatment of social clubs and certain other membership organizations. Pages 27451-27453

Taxes—tires: H.R. 2474, amended, to provide refunds in the case of certain uses of tread rubber. Pages 27453-27454

Taxes—farm trailers: H.R. 6521, amended, to exempt from the excise tax imposed on trailers any trailer designed to be used with a light-duty vehicle for farming purposes or for transporting horses or livestock. Pages 27454-27456

Corporate interest nondeductibility: H.R. 7929, amended, relating to the deduction of interest on certain corporate indebtedness to acquire stock or assets of another corporation (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 356 yeas to 38 nays). Pages 27456, 27497-27498

Taxes—parsonages: H.R. 8046, amended, to provide that the rental value of a parsonage furnished to the surviving spouse of a minister shall be excluded from gross income (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 359 yeas to 32 nays with 2 voting "present"). Pages 27456-27458, 27498-27499

Taxes—securities: H.R. 10902, amended, relating to the income tax treatment of securities which are acquired for business reasons and not as an investment (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 356 yeas to 39 nays). Pages 27459-27460, 27499-27500

Taxes—property disposition: H.R. 10936, amended, to provide for the income tax treatment of amounts received on the sale of property the cost of which was deducted as a business expense. Page 27460

Privacy: S. 3435, to increase an authorization of appropriations for the Privacy Protection Study Commission, and to remove the fiscal year expenditure limitation; clearing the measure for the President. Pages 27460-27461

Federal records management: H.R. 13828, to strengthen the authority of the Administrator for General Services with respect to records management by Federal agencies (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 394 yeas). Pages 27461-27466, 27499

Federal surplus property: H.R. 14451, amended, to permit the donation of Federal surplus personal prop-

erty to the States and local organizations for public purposes (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 340 yeas to 51 nays with 1 voting "present").

Pages 27467-27472, 27501

Emergency medical services: S. 2548, in lieu of H.R. 12664, to revise and extend the provisions of title XII of the Public Health Service Act relating to emergency medical services systems. Agreed to amend the title of the Senate bill.

Pages 27472-27484

Tijuana River flood control: H.R. 14973, to provide for acquisition of lands in connection with the international Tijuana River flood control project.

Pages 27484-27486

Federal-Aid Highway Act: H.R. 15116, to amend the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1976 to provide an obligation limitation for fiscal year 1977.

Pages 27486-27489

Tobacco allotments: H.R. 15068, to provide for emergency allotment lease and transfer of tobacco allotments or quotas for 1976 in certain disaster areas in South Carolina. Agreed to amend the title.

Pages 27489-27490

OPIC insurance: H.R. 14681, to provide for termination of investment insurance and guaranties issued by the Overseas Private Investment Corporation in any case in which the investor makes a significant payment to an official of a foreign government for the purpose of influencing the actions of such government.

Pages 27490-27492

Teton Dam disaster: S. 3542, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make compensation for damages arising out of the failure of the Teton Dam a feature of the Teton Basin Federal reclamation project in Idaho.

Pages 27492-27495

George Washington: H.J. Res. 519, to provide for the appointment of George Washington to the grade of General of the Armies of the United States (passed by a recorded vote of 275 yeas to 107 noes with 8 voting "present").

Pages 27495-27497, 27502

Suspension Failed: By a yea-and-nay vote of 134 yeas to 261 nays, the House failed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 10155, respecting the exempt function income of a political organization, two-thirds of those present not voting in the affirmative.

Pages 27458-27459, 27499

Antitrust Amendments: House agreed to H. Res. 1462, providing for agreeing to the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 8532 with an amendment.

Subsequently, the House insisted on its amendment to the amendments of the Senate to H.R. 8532, to amend the Clayton Act to permit State attorneys general to bring certain antitrust actions; and asked a conference

with the Senate. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Rodino, Brooks, Flowers, Sarbanes, Seiberling, Jordan, Mezvinsky, Mazzoli, Hughes, Hutchinson, McClory, Railsback, and Cohen.

Pages 27502-27503

Committee To Sit: Objection was heard to an unanimous consent request by the Committee on the Judiciary to sit during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule on Wednesday, August 25.

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Public Safety Officers Benefits: House disagreed to the amendments of the Senate to H.R. 366, Public Safety Officers Benefits Act; and agreed to a conference asked by the Senate. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Rodino, Eilberg, Sarbanes, Seiberling, Railsback, and Fish.

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D.C. Appropriations: By a voice vote, the House passed H.R. 15193, District of Columbia Appropriation Bill, 1977.

Pages 27503-27506

Budget Deferral: House agreed to H. Res. 1428, disapproving the proposed deferral of budget authority for the design of a metallurgy research center to be established on the Fort Douglas Military Reservation, Utah.

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Guaranteed Student Loans: House concluded all general debate and began reading for amendment on H.R. 14070, Guaranteed Student Loan Amendments of 1976—but came to no resolution thereon. Proceedings under the 5-minute rule will continue on Wednesday, August 25.

H. Res. 1433, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

Pages 27507-27515

Referral: One Senate-passed measure was referred to the appropriate House committee.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PEANUT ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Began markup of H.R. 12808, Peanut Act of 1976, and will resume tomorrow.

ARMED SERVICES MISCELLANY

Committee on Armed Services: Met and ordered reported favorably to the House the following bills:

S. 2090, to make the provisions of section 1331(e) of title 10, United States Code, retroactive to November 1, 1953;

H.R. 4105 as amended, to revise the rule for computation of retired or retainer pay to reflect later active duty; and

H.R. 14772 as amended, to pay variable incentive pay to medical officers who participated in the Berry Plan.

NATIONAL CONSUMER COOPERATIVE BANK ACT

Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing: Met and ordered reported favorably to the House H.R. 14829 amended, National Consumer Cooperative Bank Act.

NONRESIDENT INCOME TAX

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee on Fiscal Affairs held an additional hearing on H.R. 14621, to amend the D.C. Income and Franchise Tax Act to impose an income tax on income derived from sources within the District of Columbia by individuals who are not residents of the District and to remove the franchise tax on the income of unincorporated businesses. Testimony was heard from Senators Beall and Mathias; Representatives Sarbanes, Spellman, and Fisher; Virginia State Tax Commissioner William Forst; Dr. Lou Stettler, Assistant Secretary for Operations, Office of Comptroller of the Treasury, Maryland; Mayor Walter Washington; Council Chairman Sterling Tucker, and other representatives of the D.C. Government.

SURFACE MINING CONTROL

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Continued markup of H.R. 13950, Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1976, and will resume tomorrow.

EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT EXTENSION

Committee on International Relations: Continued hearings on extension of the Export Administration Act of 1969. Testimony was heard from Donald R. Cotter, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Atomic Energy).

NAMIBIA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Organizations held a hearing on Namibia: The United Nations and U.S. Policy. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth S. Landis, Office of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia; Reverend Edward C. May, Director, Office on World Community, Lutheran Council in the U.S.A.; and Michael Davis, Board Member, American Committee on Africa.

CONGRESS AND FOREIGN POLICY

Committee on International Relations: Special Subcommittee on Investigations continued hearings on Congress and foreign policy. Testimony was heard from Representative Bingham.

UNIFORM TIME ACT—RAILROAD RETIREMENT ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met and ordered reported favorably to the House the following bills:

H.R. 13089 amended, to amend the Uniform Time Act of 1966 to change the period of observance of daylight savings time; and

H.R. 14041 amended, to amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 with respect to the computation of annuity amounts in certain cases.

The committee began markup of H.R. 14319, Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act, and will resume tomorrow.

RAIL AMENDMENTS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee on Transportation and Commerce met and approved for full committee action H.R. 14932 amended, Rail Amendments of 1976.

PETROLEUM MARKETING PRACTICES

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power began markup of H.R. 1300 and related bills, petroleum marketing practices, and will resume tomorrow.

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Continued markup of H.R. 15, Public Disclosure of Lobbying Act, and will resume tomorrow.

OILSPILL DAMAGE COSTS

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Began markup of H.R. 14862, to provide a comprehensive system of liability and compensation for oilspill damage and removal costs, and will resume tomorrow.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee on Retirement and Employee Benefits held an oversight hearing on physical examinations. Testimony was heard from Thomas A. Tinsley, Director, Bureau of Retirement, Insurance, and Occupational Health, USCSC; and Gene Haislip, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Legislation, HEW.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Public Works and Transportation: Subcommittee on Water Resources began hearings on the Water Resources Development Act of 1976. Testimony was heard from Corps of Engineers.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

RECLAMATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted an open rule providing one hour of general debate; providing that the bill be read for amendment by titles instead of by sections, waiving the provisions of clause 2(1)(3)(A) of Rule XI (oversight statement) and waiving section 401(a) of

P.L. 93-344 (Congressional Budget Act), and making it in order to take from the Speaker's table the bill S. 3283 and strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the provisions of H.R. 14578 as passed by the House, to authorize various Federal reclamation projects and programs. Testimony was heard from Representatives Johnson of California and Lujan.

PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted a rule waiving all points of order against the bill except for points of order solely against the proviso on page 2, lines 11 through 17 and the proviso on page 3, lines 19 through 21, for failure to comply with the provisions of clause 2, Rule XXI (unauthorized appropriations and legislation) and providing that no amendment shall be in order except germane amendments relating to appropriations authorized in the Public Works Employment Act of 1976 (Public Law 94-369) on H.R. 15194, making appropriations for public works employment for the period ending September 30, 1977. Testimony was heard from Chairman Mahon and Representatives Slack, Roush, Cederberg, Wright, and Roe.

ESTATE AND GIFT TAX REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: Held a hearing but took no action on H.R. 14844, Estate and Gift Tax Reform Act of 1976. Testimony was heard from Chairman Ullman, and Representatives Vanik, Burleson of Texas, and Schneebeli.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Aviation and Transportation R & D held an oversight hearing on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Testimony was heard from Howard Dugoff, Associate Administrator for R & D, NHTSA.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3769-3770; S. Res. 521-522.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 9811, designating the Veterans Administration hospital in Madison, Wis., the "William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans' Hospital" (S. Rept. 94-1163);

H.R. 10394, to increase VA funding to States for the care and treatment of veterans in State homes, with an amendment (S. Rept. 94-1164);

H.R. 9153, granting the consent of Congress to the New Hampshire-Vermont Interstate Sewage Waste Disposal Facilities Compact (S. Rept. 94-1165);

S.J. Res. 206, calling for the convening in 1977 of a National Leadership Conference on Energy Policy to consider energy problems facing the country and policy solutions thereto (S. Rept. 94-1166);

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Bills Referred: Numerous House-passed bills were referred to appropriate Senate committees.

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Amendments Submitted for Printing:

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Motion Submitted for Printing: Senator Allen submitted for printing a motion in connection with H.R. 8532, to improve and facilitate the expeditious and effective enforcement of the antitrust laws.

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Messages From the House: Senate received two messages from the House.

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Bill Held at the Desk: H.J. Res. 519, to promote George Washington to the grade of General of the Armies of the United States, was received and ordered to be held at the desk.

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Bills Passed:

Guam Power Authority: Senate vitiated its action of Tuesday, August 24, when it passed with amendment H.R. 13679, to guarantee certain obligations of the Guam Power Authority, and the bill was then passed without amendment and cleared for the White House.

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National Forest Management: By unanimous vote of 90 yeas, Senate passed S. 3091, to establish guidelines for improved management of the National Forest System, after agreeing to amendments of Committee on Agriculture and Forestry en bloc, and taking action on other amendments, as follows:

Adopted:

(1) 3 Humphrey amendments en bloc: (a) amendment No. 2209, authorizing Secretary of Agriculture to determine when and for what plans an environmental impact will be required, (b) amendment No. 2210, of a clarifying nature to section dealing with revision in permits and contracts for the use and occupancy of National Forest System Lands, and (c) amendment No. 2211, of a technical nature to bring about the abolishment of the National Forest Preservation Commission;

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(2) Humphrey unprinted amendment No. 372, establishing fiscal year 1977 as the first year in which the re-